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Group: 2712

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Examiner: UNASSIGNED

For: ORDER PROCESSING METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
IMAGE OUTPUT SERVICE, AND ORDER  
INFORMATION GENERATING APPARATUS, ORDER  
RECEIVING APPARATUS, AND DIGITAL CAMERA  
USED IN THE METHOD

RECEIVED  
JAN 18 2000  
TECHNICAL MAIL ROOM

L E T T E R

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

January 14, 2000

Sir:

Under the provisions of MPEP § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is  
hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. Application(s):

<u>Appl. No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Group</u>
09/256,367	February 24, 1999	2712
08/970,394	November 14, 1997	2712
08/974,888	November 20, 1997	2722
08/979,567	November 26, 1997	2761
08/979,111	November 26, 1997	2723
09/219,451	December 23, 1998	2712

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The subject matter contained in the above-listed co-pending U.S. application(s) may be deemed to relate to the present application, and thus may be material to the prosecution of this instant application.

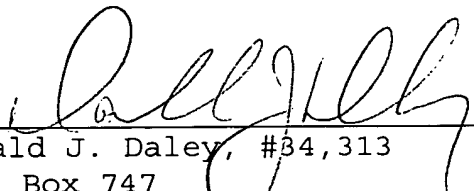
The above-listed co-pending application(s) is(are) not to be construed as prior art. By bringing the above-listed application(s) to the attention of the Examiner, Applicant(s) do(does) NOT waive any confidentiality concerning the above-listed co-pending application(s) or this application. See MPEP § 101. Furthermore, if said application(s) should not mature into patents, such application(s) should be preserved in secrecy under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 122 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.14.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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